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SGA questions Canteen prices for catered events on campus

By Michelle Millhollen
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The SGA believes it got a raw deal when Canteen (LSUS' cafeteria) charged the organization \$400 for two kegs of beer for a party held last December.

Canteen says the SGA is not taking all factors into consideration.

In the contract negotiated between LSUS and Canteen, Canteen has exclusive catering rights to all meetings and parties held on campus.

Former SGA Vice President Marilyn Durham believes Canteen abuses its monopoly in order to make a bigger profit.

"It made me mad; it made everyone in the SGA mad," she said. "We were forced to buy (the kegs) from (Canteen) and that's for all student organizations. We couldn't object."

Durham said SGA purposely moved parties and functions off campus throughout the fall semester to avoid the Canteen catering monopoly.

However, the end-of-the-year blowout party was held inside the University Center to encourage student participation, and thus had to be catered by Canteen. Durham agreed to buy hot dogs, Cokes and the \$400 kegs.

Ray Markham, manager of Canteen, maintains he gave SGA a

fair catering price.
"We don't charge inflated prices for catering," he said.

Markham pointed out that labor was not one of the charges listed on the bill, but that a Canteen worker dispensed the beer, a job which requires an ABO cardholder. He also added that

Organizations, events exempt from Canteen's monopoly on campus catering:

1. Athletic Department
2. Bookstore
3. Red River Rally
4. Fall Fest
5. Spring Fling
6. International Food Festival
7. Communiversity Day
8. Annual Holiday Party for faculty and staff
9. Employees' departmental parties

SGA charged 50 cents a cup for the beer.

"I realize that everyone's on a strict budget, but guess what, so are we," he said.

Gloria Raines, SGA advisor and vice chancellor for student affairs, attributes that tight budget as the cause of what she says are high catering prices.

"There isn't enough business in the cafeteria to make a profit," she said. "Catering is extra expensive because that's the way to subsidize the cafeteria. It's just one of these problems which isn't going to have an easy solution."

Markham disagrees that there is a problem. He says his prices are fair and that business is fine.

"We anticipate that we will at least break even this year and we anticipate a profit for the next year," he said.

He also said that he's willing to try to smooth out the problems and is even working on a policy to loosen up the monopoly guidelines.

The contract states that any food served on campus to a group is supposed to be provided by the Canteen. Even Cokes and cookies. Yet Markham said he's purposefully let this slide.

"It's hard to justify having to pay for Cokes and cookies and quite frankly, I don't think they should have to," Markham said. "But, there's got to be a stopping point. You don't go to the Olive Garden and bring in Burger King."

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Liberal Arts college holds panel review of 'Schindler's List'

By Morris Crichtlow
Features Editor

Dr. Ann McLaurin, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, saw *Schindler's List* during her Christmas vacation. Both impressed and moved, she organized a review of the film from historical, cultural, and psychological perspectives. The review took place Feb. 17.

After a short introduction, Jim Miller of the History Department described how the Holocaust was viewed as only a Jewish problem until the trial of Adolf Eichman in 1961. According to Miller, the British prime minister had no illusions that the real goal of

Eichman's trial, universal recognition of a universal problem, outweighed any petty interest in retribution.

Miller focused the rest of his discussion on the progression of scholarly work concerning the Holocaust. He detailed interesting discoveries including the emergence of Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer who, like Schindler, struggled against Hitler's final solution. He mentioned setbacks to Holocaust research: the hesitance of survivors to undergo the pain involved in reliving their experiences and the claims of fabrication by "new historians." Miller also recommended the book *While Six Million Died* by Arthur

Morris for anyone interested in learning more about the Holocaust.

Next, Monty Palm, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation, talked about the cultural significance of *Schindler's List*. According to Palm, this is the first feature film to depict the Holocaust, although several documentaries have been made. He emphasized that the extent of suffering during the Holocaust defies any comparison with other tragedies by pointing out that the horrors pictured in the movie happened in many places every day. He concluded by saying that *Schindler's List* will help to counter the recent wave of Holocaust denial ads featured in both state and national university

newspapers.

The final speaker, Dr. Bob Benefield, chairman of the Psychology Department, encouraged taking from *Schindler's List* what we can use in our everyday lives. He suggested that those who are filled with hate might recognize the essential step taken by the film's principal characters who lose their hatred of others by learning more about them. He lauded the film's hopeful tone which reveals not only the worst, but also the best human tendencies.

After Benefield's speech, Raymond S. Morris, a local lawyer, rose to add some enlightening, if unexpected, remarks. He talked about our government's

unwillingness to bomb railway cars used in the transportation of Jews to extermination camps because of Eisenhower's decision that the Holocaust was a political rather than a military target. Although many more died as a result of this decision, Morris explained the misdirection of blaming Eisenhower, whose mindset simply reflected the isolationist attitude prevalent throughout the United States at the time.

The audience can now look back on the informative and charismatic speakers who lived up to their billing by providing interesting new perspectives from which to view this year's greatest film.

Royalty



Photo by Joan Rivers

Bridgette Wilder was crowned the 1994 Homecoming Queen at ceremonies Feb. 19. She was escorted by Bobby Bond.

News



Photo by Joan Rivers

Brian Allen, escorted by cheerleader Michelle Rakel, was crowned Homecoming King during the festivities on Feb. 19.

Allen gets crowned; head doesn't swell

By Brian Allen
Sports Editor

Huge is the head that wears the crown...Wait, that's not it. Heavy is the heart that...Uh-uh. A horse is a horse, of course...No, that's definitely not it. There's some quote about having a crown that would begin this narrative perfectly, but it is lost somewhere in the treacherous labyrinth I call my memory, and now has about as much chance of being located as the Holy Grail. However, if it pleases anyone, I can still remember the poem that Green Lantern uses to recharge his power ring. As you can see, I haven't changed a bit.

I still remember the chilly January afternoon when my friend Kevin suggested I run for Homecoming court. After I recovered from the best laugh I'd had since I heard the New Kids on the Block were recording again, I decided to ponder the idea. I decided to head home and try some reflective thought, and so I left the University Center. Shortly afterwards it dawned on me: The UC is my home. Where in the name of Chancellor Darling did I think I was going? After I came to my senses, I consulted the greatest philosophers I know. No, not Aristotle, Plato, or Socrates, but rather Garth Brooks, John Michael Montgomery, and the immortal Clint Black. I thought of the country "carpe diem" themes of songs like *Life's a Dance, Standing Outside the Fire*, and *No Time to*

Kill. The lyrics of these songs speak of living life, taking chances, and making your only go round a good one. I've been "killing time" lately, so I said to myself, "Self." I said, "You're running for homecoming court." Most everyone on campus knows the rest of this story, because I asked everyone to vote for me. (My opponents really looked at me strangely, so I quit asking them for their support.) I campaigned so hard because I've been conditioned to believe when you do something, you go all out. You've heard all the cliches about winning, but in Minden we had an original one: "If you don't win, don't come home." You may think I'm bluffing, but if it weren't for a dropped pop fly in a church softball game, I wouldn't even be living here. I'll be the first to admit I went a little overboard, and I thank you all for putting up with me. Especially the ladies of Phi Mu sorority, who agreed to vote for me if I promised not to pledge now or any time in the future. And, of course, the support of the Society of Professional Journalists and the Drama Club was crucial. Last but not least I'd like to thank our athletes and coaches not just for their support, but for stopping celebrations or giving me the details on heartbreaking losses. Thanks for helping out a budding sportswriter.

SEE ALLEN PAGE 8

Chancellor addresses leadership on campus

By Darren Svan
The Sentinel

Last week Chancellor John Darling sponsored a workshop on leadership and ethics for faculty and administrators. In a surprising twist Lou Holtz, head football coach at Notre Dame University, gave a surprise performance. On video.

"This video is just one of my many inspirational documentaries about Lou Holtz," Darling said. "This video will show you how positive leadership in the family setting can truly help us here."

"I think of all of you, faculty and administrators, as my extended family," Darling said.

In the hour-long workshop, Darling focused on three leadership qualities: confidence, commitment, and caring.

"Can I have confidence in you? Are you committed? Do you care about me?" are examples of questions a leader may encounter," Darling said.

According to Darling, a good leader should reply, "I'm always going to do the right thing. I'm going to do my very best, and I'm going to treat others as I would

like to be treated."

In closing statements, Darling related good leadership to success by encouraging faculty and administrators to read about successful people.

"One of my favorite hobbies is reading about successful people and what helped them succeed," he said. "I would encourage you to do the same."

"Effective leadership does not occur in a vacuum," Darling said. "Effective leadership permeates every aspect of your life."

Student meets the president, media-types

By Cindy Rowe
Editor

"It's one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences," said Stephen Lay, senior political science/finance major.

Lay is referring to his participation in the recent visit by President Bill Clinton.

While he did get to shake the

president's hand, most of his time was spent giving advice on restaurants and things to do in Shreveport-Bossier City to the news correspondents who came to cover the president. Lay met such noted correspondents as ABC's Britt Hume and CBS' Bill Plante.

But the best part was riding in the presidential motorcade.

"It's amazing how fast you can

get across town with no lights," said Lay, who rode only 10 cars behind the president in the motorcade to the General Motors plant.

A self-described independent voter, Lay said he did vote for Clinton. But he's not considering any future motorcades for himself. He's ruled politics out.

"It's too much hassle," he said.

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Features

Lynch helps students cope at LSUS

By Heather Tuggle
The Sentinel

Sometimes the pressures of going to school, holding down a job and making time for family and friends can seem nearly unbearable. If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't worry. Paula Lynch and the LSUS Counseling Center can help.

Lynch has helped students cope with university life at LSUS for over 10 years. She was hired as the assistant director of the counseling center in 1984, but recently has been doing double duty, filling both her regular position and that of acting director.

Although she is originally from Michigan, Lynch is no stranger to college life here at LSUS. In 1980, she graduated from LSUS with a degree in psychology. She then moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, where she earned her master's degree in clinical psychology at Stephen F. Austin University. After completing school, Lynch returned to LSUS in 1982 to do a six month practicum and internship at the new counseling center.

Lynch's first job in the

psychology field was with the Caddo Parish School Board. Although she enjoyed her work, Lynch knew that her true interest was in university counseling. So, after working with the school board for a year, Lynch accepted her current position.

The counseling center offers help in three specific areas: personal counseling, which

Counseling Center

The counseling center is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; students can make an appointment to speak with a counselor by calling 797-5365.

includes relationship and self-esteem counseling; educational counseling, which helps students learn to combat test anxiety and acquire study skills; and career counseling, which assists students in making the career choice best suited for them.

More than 400 students each

semester take advantage of the counseling services, which means that about one out of every 10 LSUS students has visited the center. Lynch says that a trip to the counseling center would be beneficial to all students because of the wide variety of assistance offered. Besides one-on-one counseling, the center offers periodic workshops and also sponsors many support groups, including ones for students with disabilities, minority students and single parents.

Lynch says that she is satisfied with the center's growth, and she and other counselors are constantly refining current programs and developing new ones to help cater to the needs of the students. Currently, the center is in the process of initiating support services to help students adjust to life after college, whether they choose to enter the work force or continue in their studies.

The mark of a good counselor is his or her ability to relate to others, and that is but one of the traits that students say helps make Lynch exceptional.

"She really cares. No matter



Photo by Joan Rivers

Paula Lynch is acting director of the Counseling Center.

how busy she gets, Paula is always compassionate and caring for the students," said Paula Greening, Career Center secretary.

Lynch says she understands how busy college life can be. Besides filling two positions at the counseling center, she is also the mother of two daughters, an 8-year-old and a 20-year-old. Lynch even admits to changing her major

six times before deciding on psychology.

"I chose to go into counseling because I felt like I had some talent there and because I love people," Lynch said. "I like to be able to help other people as much as I can, and I love my job here at the Career Center. I feel really lucky to be at LSUS."

Couple celebrates wedding anniversary in University Court Apartments

By Alexis Alexander
The Sentinel

Somewhere among the sometimes loud college atmosphere of the University Court Apartments lives one married --rings and all --couple.

John and Kristy Braud have no reservations about being the only married students living in the university housing.

"We think it's kind of fun.

Everybody knows and we're kind of recognized as that. People don't treat us like a normal married couple," said Kristy, 22, a first-year medical student.

The Brauds are anything but the normal married couple. John, 21, was attending LSU in Baton Rouge when he met Kristy in a computer science class.

The couple tried studying together for the first test, but when John got into a fight with Kristy's

roommate, she kicked him out of the dorm room. "I dropped the class; she got an A," Braud said.

When John stopped going to the class, Kristy called him, wondering what had happened.

"I thought he was cute," she said.

The two eventually began dating and did so for seven months, which led them to the altar. They celebrated their first anniversary this week.

Kristy, a native of Marksville, graduated from LSU last year and had to decide where to attend medical school.

"I had a choice between New Orleans and here and I like Shreveport a lot better than New Orleans as far as a place to live," she said.

They visited Shreveport last

spring looking for apartments and were at LSUS when they saw the UCA display set up in the University Center. Convenience was one of the selling points for this couple just starting out with only one vehicle.

"We really like it here," said Braud, a junior bio-chem major. "It's clean, it's new, it's well-run, and if there's any problems they come fix it right away."

The couple has become involved in various activities around the apartments.

"We like the college atmosphere and the little parties going on here and there," Kristy said. "We go to just about everything."

"Whenever there is free food involved we go," John joked.

John is currently serving as

president pro tempore of the SGA, and is also a member of the Chemistry Club and the Biology Club. He was most recently escorted by his wife to the Homecoming festivities.

"We have a good marriage," said Kristy. "I think we're pretty considerate to each other. You have to be when you live in an efficiency like this."

The couple will be in medical school together soon. The stay in Shreveport will be for a while. And the stay in University Court? "We like it and we're probably going to stay," John said.

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Schindler's List close to perfection

By Morris Crichton
Features Editor

If you hear someone say, "This movie is the best of the year," chances are you disregard it. Why? Even the Academy, an institution of people who are supposedly in the know, occasionally gives the Best Picture Oscar to an undeserving film.

When nearly everyone who has seen a movie calls it the best of the year, you might be wise to take notice. I almost didn't go to see *Schindler's List* because of Steven Spielberg's recent directorial embarrassments (*Hook*, *Jurassic Park*). When *Schindler's List* received critical acclaim unprecedented in recent years, I

decided to check it out. Thank God.

Schindler's List transcends my usual film-reviewing technique by striving for perfection and almost reaching it. There are no miscast actors or shallow performances. There are no boring moments or superfluous characters. The only mild fault was a scene in which Schindler gives voice to the torment of the Holocaust. The events spoke more loudly for themselves than his voice ever could.

While not reaching perfection, *Schindler's List* comes closer than any other movie this year. Spielberg makes most of his competitors for the Best Director look like dilettantes. Supporting

actor Ralph Fiennes performs with an intensity equaling that of John Malkovich, his toughest competitor in Oscar's toughest category. Not to be forgotten, leading actor Liam Neeson also performs at Oscar level with his portrayal of conniving character Oscar Schindler.

In just over a month, *Schindler's List* will win the Best Picture Oscar and gain a place in antiquity. In several years, *Schindler's List* will distinguish itself from many of Oscar's other winners by earning the title "classic," like its predecessors *Casablanca* and *Gone With the Wind*.

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From the editor

Is cafeteria a luxury LSUS can afford?

It seems as if the students at LSUS want to have their cake and eat it too where the cafeteria is concerned.

Students whine and moan over the high costs for hamburgers and soft drinks, yet plunk out the money for the treats. The SGA recently erupted into an uproar over the \$400 bill for a couple of kegs of beer, yet had agreed on the price when ordering the booze.

What the problem really boils down to is students need to decide once and for all if a cafeteria is a luxury LSUS can or should afford.

Frankly, we think the answer is no and that history backs us up on this. A slew of companies has preceded Canteen and failed. Canteen itself failed to turn a profit its first year, even if it is optimistic about business picking up this year.

There are good reasons for having a campus cafeteria, but there don't seem to be enough good reasons.

It is convenient to have a cafeteria on campus, but there are many fast-food restaurants which offer much lower prices.

As far as catering is concerned, consumer smarts dictate that you get a better price if you shop around at competing businesses. Canteen has a monopoly, so it doesn't have to worry about a competitor's lower prices.

This really leaves students only two choices: To either work with Canteen to make some changes, or boycott the cafeteria entirely. Either solution is a better answer than wallowing in self-pity.

If a student doesn't like the price charged for a sandwich, he should either lobby to have prices lowered or simply take his business elsewhere.

The same goes for the SGA. If SGA didn't like the price the Canteen charges for a keg, something should have been said up front. The SGA can't take its business elsewhere, but it is a powerful lobbying body.

Moaning and groaning doesn't solve a problem; it merely complicates it. Students need to decide what they want and then decide how to achieve it. That's the only way to set the wheels of change into motion.



Columnist makes apologies for making hell freeze over

I would like to open this week's column with an apology to everyone in the Ark-La-Tex, nay, everyone in the mid-south. I am sorry for last week's weather. Yes, it was all my fault.

Tuesday was a beautiful day. The high set a record at 80 degrees. That was the day I got married. The next day hell froze over. Temperatures dropped, everything froze and thousands of school children were beaten savagely by their parents after the power-outages roused them from their cable-induced stupor.

Before we started dating, both my husband and I had sworn many a time that we would never get married, at least for a long time (when hell freezes over).

Don't ask what happened, because I really don't know. The last thing I remember is playing pool with him and the next thing I know I'm standing in front of the Justice of the Peace with my husband's father's camera flashing furiously and saying, "I do."

His parents and sister were the only ones at the wedding, which is the way we wanted it--small, quick and painless. I still held my breath when the J of the P came to the "Any objections?" part and his mother was leaning forward like a sprinter at the starting line with her mouth half-open and the beginnings of a scream welling up inside of her. Luckily, somehow--and I have a feeling it had something to do with prescription drugs--she contained her misgivings.

Actually, that last part about his mom was a joke. It was all too simple and painless so I have to make stuff up to get new material. Hey, so sue me.

I'll tell you something about that day that is true, though.

The J of the P was quite a character. He was trying to tell a couple of stories while he was filling out the paperwork to lighten us all up. As I was listening to



**Jennifer
Newlon-Manco**

him weave his spiel, I started to panic: wait, this story isn't making any sense. Why can't I follow this? My brain must be turning into mush. Maybe I'm not making a rational decision here.

I looked over at my husband and saw the same confused expression I was wearing. Oh no! Maybe his brain isn't functioning either. Then I looked around the room. His mom and dad were politely nodding and his sister had a smile and a glaze over her eyes. The dog even looked apathetic. I then realized that my brain wasn't too damaged to get the point of this story. There was no point. This man was making no sense and the story, instead of calming us down, was making my husband and I doubt our sensibilities (not to mention making us look like a pair of deer trapped in headlights). The groom and I looked at his parents in order to get the cue on when to laugh politely. Then the J of the P called us in front of him. We both begged the gods silently that we wouldn't have to repeat his words like brainwashed Hare Krishnas. We breathed a sigh of relief when we realized all we had to say was "I do."

"Oh good," my husband whispered to me, "no chanting."

The temperature in the room climbed steadily as the ceremony went on. As it ended the J of the P pulled on his collar and remarked, "It sure got hot in here."

By the time we stepped out the door we were gasping for air like the perfume-choked victims of a Mary Kay convention. Little did we know when the wind began to blow furiously that it was one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse and hell was beginning to freeze over right below our feet. The old cliche' was coming true.

As we got into the car I could hear the faint and far off sound of thousands of men and women crying over the loss of two incredibly beautiful single people. It was worse than when Elvis got married. Okay, maybe not thousands of men and women, but at least hundreds.

I don't care how cheesy that last comment was. Mark my words, if you don't wipe that look off your face it will freeze like that. (Just ask Satan when he comes back from ice fishing.)

Opinion

The problem with health care lies with the cost

Alright kids...Let me see, by a show of hands, how many of you think we have a health-care crisis in our country? Okay, good. Now, again by a show of hands, how many of you think that the only solution to this health-care crisis is to have government step in and run things?

T h a t
many, huh?
Jeez.

First things first: It ain't a crisis. The word "crisis" is something the politicians and pundits use to get folks agitated. A crisis requires immediate action. The earthquake in California was a crisis. Our recent cold snap was a crisis. The Mississippi floods were a crisis. All of these things required



**Mike Alan
Hanks**

immediate action by one or more people to help keep things from going completely to Hell. On the other hand, the health-care "crisis" was serving as fodder for political debates well over two years ago. Since that time there has been no concrete action taken to correct the problem (unless you count a lot of political posturing and "concrete action"), and civilization as we know it has yet to come to a screeching halt. We have a problem, sure, but it's not a crisis.

"So we have a health-care problem?" you ask. Not exactly. If the problem were with health care, this would mean that there's something wrong with the standard of service we receive when we go to the doctor. Since rich folks from around the world come to America for their health care, and since rich folks in America stay right here for their health care, it would seem that our standard of care is just fine.

The problem is, instead, one of health-care costs. The cost of health care has been rising for some time now, to the point where

simply going in for a check-up costs more than the average Joe can afford to blow at one time. There are several reasons for this. One of them is that we live in a sue-happy nation, and as a consequence doctors have to spend an inordinate amount of money on malpractice insurance. Another is that competition doesn't really exist in the medical community. You can shop around to find the cheapest groceries, but you can't really shop around to find the cheapest doctors or hospitals because they usually won't tell you how much their services cost.

But the biggest reason that medical costs are so inflated is because the people receiving the medical care (you, me, your uncle Phlegm, etc.) are not the ones paying for the medical care. Think of it this way: When you buy a car, you try to find the car which (A) does what you want it to do; and (B) meets your financial requirements. This process involves some compromises. You might WANT a Lincoln Town Car,

but if you can only afford a Dodge Omni, something's got to give.

Now imagine, for a moment, what kind of car you would buy if someone told you that THEY would pay for your car. You no longer have to worry about whether or not you can afford a particular car; you can walk into the Lamborghini dealership and drive off with a brand new Countach. And why not, since someone else is paying for it?

Now imagine what would happen if everybody had someone else paying for their cars. The dealerships would quickly notice that no one cared about the price of the car, and after a while, the price of ALL cars would skyrocket. If no one cares about the price, you can charge \$250,000 for a quarter-ton pickup and no one will complain.

This is, essentially, what's happening with health costs. Approximately 85 percent of the people who seek medical care do not have to pay for it with their own money. Instead, they have an unlimited (for all intents and

purposes) amount of someone else's money with which to pay for their medical care. So they don't bother to shop around for the best deal they can get. And since they don't care what the price is, the medical care providers can charge whatever they want. And they do. Which brings us back to our current situation.

We have a problem with health costs in America. The previous few paragraphs list the primary causes of this problem. Now, to me—and call me crazy—if you want to solve a problem, you eliminate the causes of the problem. Is that what our government has proposed to do? No.

Instead of addressing the problems mentioned above (which, by the way, could be fixed with a few laws and no bureaucracy), they propose to take over the medical industry. Which is great, I suppose, if you want your trips to the doctor to have the same friendliness and efficiency as a trip to get your driver's license renewed...

Columnist calls for changes to get country on right track

Our country is really starting to suck. Unemployment is up. Inflation is up. The value of the dollar continues to sink further and further down. We are becoming a Third World country. Gone are the days where we can inconspicuously spend billions of dollars bailing out other countries. We are so busy trying to stabilize the economies of other countries that we are neglecting our own. It's time to change how this country runs.



**Chris
Lope**

We have one of the largest and most capable military forces in the entire world. Since we're already spending billions of dollars to maintain them, let's get some use out of them. Start taking over countries that have stuff we want. It worked in the first hundred years of the country, let's make it work again. Mexico has a pretty weak army. Send down a few attack divisions and now we have unlimited supplies of oil, labor, and tequila. We could definitely

take some of those weak European countries over. Then we could force Europeans to go to EuroDisney. More bucks for American companies. Speaking of companies, we could take over Japan and set up another military government. I'm, sure Colin Powell has nothing better to do.

Another thing we could do is make all political positions pay-free. All elected officials would receive no salary or compensation (other than the occasional free prostitute). They really don't do anything to earn money anyway except give the tabloids something to write about. This way, we could know whether or not a politician is in it to help his constituents or his accountant. This would save about ten million a year in Congress alone.

Instead of spending billions each year on the "War on Drugs," spend half that amount and buy all the drugs that these South American drug lords are producing and destroy them. It will keep the drugs (or at least a majority of them) off the streets and out of the hands of children. And the drug lords will be happy because they really don't care who buys their wares, just as long as they're bought.

We spend a crapload of money each year on the upkeep of criminals in the country (not

Congress, this time). Every year prisons are growing more and more crowded and the only thing that is done is that non-violent offenders are released early only to be arrested again, usually for the same crime. What needs to be done is an increase of the severity of punishments. After a fair and speedy trial, minor felony offenders should have their hand cut off for the first offense. Murderers, drug dealers, rapists, and other major felony offenders should be put to death. There should be no death row inmates who are on the waiting list year after year. After conviction, the punishment should be swift (within a few weeks) and no mercy shown. This would but only save billions in maintenance of a prison system, the severity of punishment would be an ample deterrent to those wishing to embark on a career of felonious crime.

Some of these suggestions may seem a little unusual or extreme, but extreme circumstances call for extreme measures. This is one of the most dangerous times in the history of modern man. Unless we want a bleak and hopeless future, we need to change and change fast. Hey, I've seen Mad Max and I really don't want to be a scavenger in my retirement years. Think about it. Until next time.



Letters to the editor

First of all I have a question for the newspaper staff. Why was the puff piece on Black History Month on page two instead of the front page? I think Black History Month deserves a bit more coverage than planting trees on campus. Secondly, I believe a more in depth article was in order. It was nice to hear about the different activities, but there is more to Black History Month than that. A nice idea would have been to

profile different African-American professors or look at the state of racial relations on campus. The Sentinel was weak in its coverage of Black History Month, after all this is the only time of the year that the black community is viewed in a positive light by the entire community at large.

Carolyn L. White
Senior
Sociology

The Sentinel will reserve a space in each issue for one guest column. Students, faculty, alumni and staff may submit a column for publication. The column should be no more than two pages double-spaced. Submit columns to The Sentinel, Bronson Hall 344.

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Campus

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Events/Reminders

American presidents week

A lecture with slides on "Abraham Lincoln: Our Ever Present Contemporary," will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the University Center Theater.

Attorney Frank J. Williams, President of the Abraham Lincoln Association will present the slides, and a question and answer session will follow.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Baseball field dedication date changed

The LSUS Pilots will dedicate its new baseball field Thursday, March 3 at 12:30 p.m. Past and present LSUS baseball players will gather as Chancellor John Darling throws out the ceremonial first pitch. The dedication will be followed by a doubleheader against Texas College.

Disney date changed

Walt Disney is coming to campus to interview for the Walt Disney World College Program, where students go to work full time for Disney for one semester. Interviewers will be on campus March 1 at 7 p.m., interviewing for the summer and fall semesters of 1994. Contact Susan Wood, 797-5213, for more information.

Caspiana House to be on PBS

Caspiana House, one of six buildings in the Pioneer Heritage Center complex on the campus of LSUS, will be featured on Louisiana Public Broadcasting. Chef John Folse, host of *A Taste of Louisiana*, will showcase the house on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Gospel concert on campus

As part of the African American History Month celebration, LSUS will host a "Gospel Explosion" Friday, March 11 in the University Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature local soloists and group acts including Visions of Freedom, Sunshine Gospel Male Chorus, Woodwinds of Praise, The Word, Vision and Mrs. Cordie Young. The concert is free and open to the public.

Writing Center hours posted

The Writing Center hours for the spring semester are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with student workers available to help with computers. Check with the Writing Center, Bronson Hall 263, for hours when tutors are available. The Writing Center is available to all LSUS students.

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Richard Cook performed as Elvis at last Saturday's Ark-La-Tex Roundup. The Roundup's are held the first and third Saturday of each month in the UC Theater.

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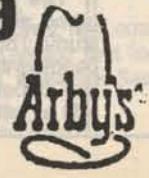
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Sports

Season ends for Lady Pilots; Pilots go on to the playoffs

By Brian Allen
Sports Editor

Homecoming 1994 was a weekend that ran the gamut of emotions, from elation to disappointment and back. Fans said goodbye to two superstars and a coach who began a winning tradition here at LSUS, and one team soared toward the playoffs while the other continued to struggle through a disappointing season.

It was a tale of two seasons as festivities began Friday, Feb. 18, with the Pilots scoring a 77-73 win over Southwestern University from Georgetown, Texas, in double overtime. Even the fans were exhausted after LSUS successfully completed a season sweep of Southwestern, the same team that eliminated the Pilots from last year's playoffs. While the players savored the sweet taste of vengeance, senior Mark McGary scored 21 points, putting him over the 1,750 point mark for his career, and making him the Pilots' all-time leading scorer.

But, at 12-13, LSUS still needed one win to even their record and make the NAIA playoffs for the second consecutive season. Fans would have to wait until the second game of the homecoming doubleheader to see if the Pilots could achieve this goal.

Saturday's events began on a sour note as the Lady Pilots lost 77-62 to Howard Payne University. The loss dropped them to 2-24,

sixth in the Southwest Region. After a 10-7 inaugural season, the Lady Pilots program has come crashing back to earth. More games and stronger opponents have made a season they will be all too happy to forget. But even more devastating than the losses on the court will be the loss of seven seniors, including point guard Tami Knotts.

Knotts has scored more than 1,000 points in just two seasons of action, and she will not easily be replaced. In addition, Coach Karla Barham is leaving her position to pursue her doctorate.

Barham helped to found this program, and surprised many with the team's initial success. A first-year team is supposed to struggle miserably, not post a winning record and produce one of the nation's leading scorers. This is not the way either Knotts or Barham wanted to leave this team.

Assistant Coach Ginger Colvin, herself a former Lady Pilot,

Pilots in Playoffs

The Pilots will take on No. 1 ranked Tarleton State in Stephenville, Texas on Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

is the leading candidate to replace Barham, and if that happens, she'll

have no easy task on her hands. It will take strong leadership on and off the court to rebound from this rough season and prove that the team's early success was no fluke.

The Pilots' faithful were in desperate need of a lift in spirits and the men's team answered the call. Still charged with the previous night's emotion, they played their best game of the season, a 90-60 blowout over Howard Payne University, a team that had beaten LSUS by four the previous week. The Pilots were in control the entire game, and took a 40-26 lead into the half.

After a brief Howard Payne run in the second half, the Pilots dropped the hammer and were never again challenged. Guard Chad Hearron led a balanced attack with 19 points. Guard Trey Bergeret had 17 points, and forward Reginald Paige had 12 points, as did the man of the night, Mark McGary.

Coach David Geer called the victory a truly impressive one, and the best possible way for his four seniors to leave. Trey Bergeret was in complete agreement:

"We did it for the seniors. We had to win to get into the playoffs, and we came together and did it."

The win was even more impressive considering that the Pilots were without starting guard Chad McDowell, who has a sprained right ankle. It is reported to be healing well, and McDowell is expected to be ready for the playoffs.

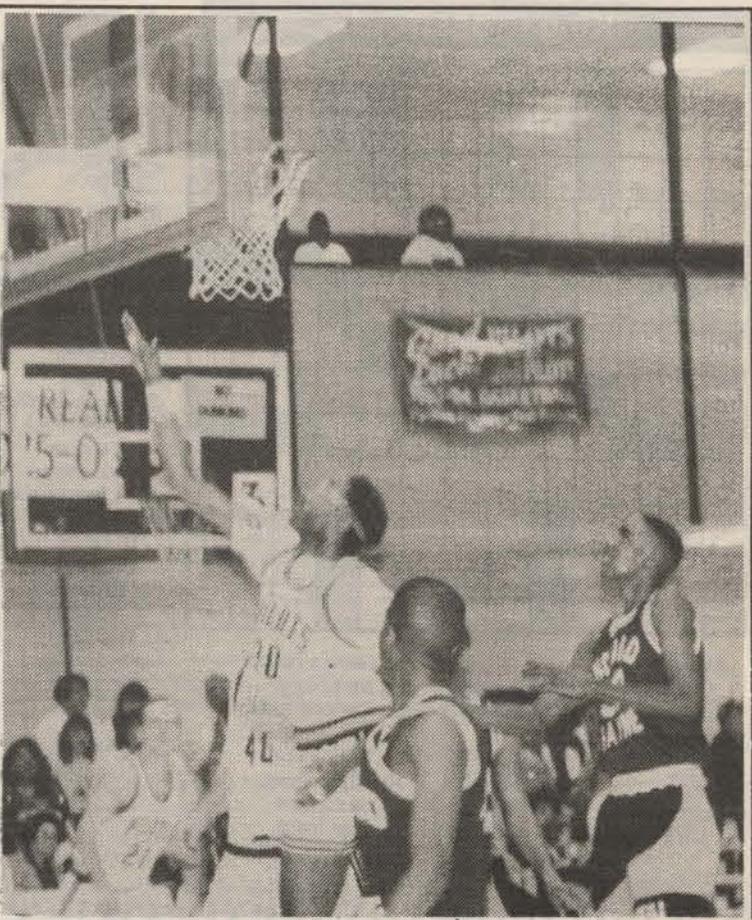


Photo by Joan Rivers

LSUS Pilot Reginald Paige goes for two points during the Homecoming game against Howard Payne University.

Speaking of the playoffs, that is exactly where the pilots are headed. The team met at Coach Geer's house on Sunday, Feb. 20 to wait for the phone call from the NAIA, which came at 4 p.m. The celebration aired locally on KSLA Channel 12.

As the cameras looked on, the 13-13 Pilots learned that they had placed fourth in the Southwest

Region, thus earning the final playoff spot. They will face the region's No. 1 ranked team, 14-10 Tarleton State, at their Stephenville, Texas facility on Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

LSUS is looking for its first playoff win, and all signs indicate they've peaked at just the right time.

Pilot's baseball team gets season off to winning start

By Brian Allen
Sports Editor

The LSUS Pilot baseball team opened a new era in its history last Thursday by winning the first two games ever played on Pilot Field.

LSUS moved its record to 5-0 in exciting fashion, winning both games by a mere run. In the first game, starter Russ Thornton was hit hard early, giving up three runs in 2 2/3 innings. Scott Leach came in to relieve, and held Texas College scoreless while the Pilots rallied to tie the game at three. But in the sixth inning, Texas College

struck for three runs to take a 6-3 lead.

The Pilot offense remained quiet until the game's seventh and final inning, when right fielder Benji Piazza doubled to bring the Pilots within a run. Then a situation right out of a baseball movie took place. With two men out and two on base, the Pilots' fate rested squarely on the shoulders of center fielder Danny Butler. Butler battled to a full count and then lifted the crowd from their seats with a line drive that sent home the game's tying and winning runs. LSUS moved to 4-0 and half the

day's work was done.

It has been said that in sports, there is no such thing as an ugly win. In the second game, LSUS decided to test that theory. The Pilots jumped out to a 3-0 first inning lead, that held up for just 2 1/3 innings. Starter Brad Dowden gave up three runs to set the tone for a game in which pitching and defense were not Pilot allies. Dowden, Chris Madden and Mitch Fant combined to walk seven batters, hit four batters, and give up seven hits. A seven-hit performance isn't at all bad, but figure in the walks, hit batters, and add two costly errors by the Pilot defense, and you have far too many base runners.

It would take an exceptional performance by the Pilot offense to post a victory, and that's exactly what happened. A 2 for 3 performance with 2 RBI's by Wes Fortune keyed the offense, and Danny Butler and catcher Shannon Cunningham helped lead the charge. Cunningham had two RBI's, and Butler an RBI triple. Once again, the Pilots stayed close and pulled ahead for good in the

game's final inning. When the dust settled, LSUS had escaped with a 9-8 win to improve its record to 5-0. The strong start is a complete reversal of fortune from last year's disastrous 0-13 start. Coach Doug Robinson is proud of his team, but said there is still much work to be done:

"I was pleased with our play at Austin College, but disappointed with today's play. We can't

Dedication

The dedication for the baseball field has been moved to March 3 at 12:30 p.m. Chancellor John Darling will throw out the first pitch, then the Pilots will play Louisiana College in a doubleheader.

continue to play that way and be competitive. But it was good that we were able to come back and win after not playing well."

Robinson had good reason to be wary of complacency. His team

faces a schedule of all scholarship teams, which, in theory at least, labels them superior athletes. LSUS is in NAIA Division II, which is non-scholarship. The schedule features games against tough NCAA Division I opponents such as Stephen F. Austin, Northeastern La., and Centenary. The Pilots will have to play at the absolute peak of their games against these foes. Still, the positives far outweigh the negatives for the undefeated Pilots. At this same time last year, this team was winless, not to mention fieldless. While waiting for its home field to be completed, the team played its home games on the fields of local high schools Southwood and Woodlawn. Although the field has already been played on, the official dedication ceremony will be March 3 at 12:30 p.m. After Chancellor John Darling throws out the first pitch, the Pilots will host Louisiana College in a doubleheader. Admission is free, and they would greatly appreciate your support.

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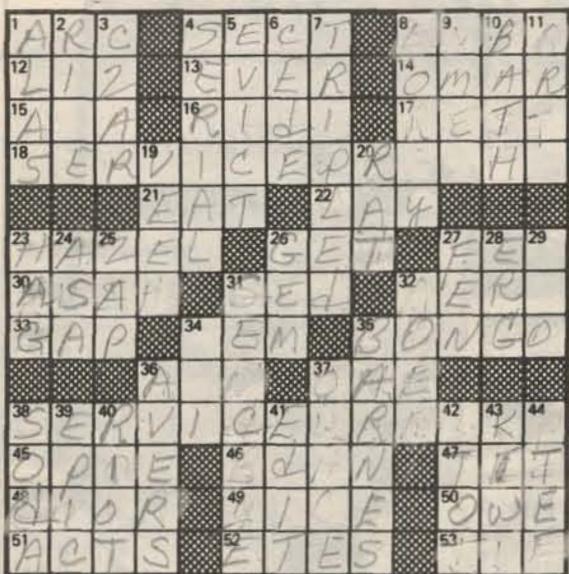
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Allen relates royal experience

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The election was a fun experience, as I learned that my voice can carry at least 50 feet. After the election, the two-week waiting period seemed to move with all the swiftness of the New Orleans Saints offense. I tried to think about other things, and Mother Nature and SWEPCO combined to make sure I had other concerns over the Mardi Gras break. After about 26 hours without power, I would have gladly traded my crown for a space heater.

The big night finally came, and I have to thank my lovely escort Michelle for filling in at the last minute. I was on cloud nine when the final attendant to the king's court was announced. I still couldn't believe it, I was looking around to

make sure I was really the only person left. I was tempted to check my ID card to make certain I was Brian Allen. The best part was having my picture taken with our queen, Bridgette Wilder. It was all I could do to keep from passing out. I may be free from a small town and have led something of a sheltered life, but I have to say she is truly the most beautiful woman I have ever seen. I want a photo for my wall, one for my scrapbook, and one to blow up for a billboard.

My self-esteem is at an all-time high. I may change my personality after all. I'll get some new threads, get involved in policy making, no more Mr. Nice Guy. I'm gonna be a mover and shaker around here. What's that? Oh, O.K. Excuse me, folks, the king has to go snake the royal toilet.

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An SAB Film Series Presentation

Canteen prices questioned

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After months of quibbling over its bill, SGA has finally paid it, but SGA President Vincent Mangum says the organization is still not happy about the situation.

"I guess what he considers fair and what the rest of the city considers fair are two different quotes," Mangum said. "It just goes to show that here at LSUS we're paying more and getting less."

Mangum also added that last semester the SGA held a banquet at

Mike Anderson's and came out paying less than it would have if Canteen had catered the function. This semester SGA will once again hold the banquet off campus.

Markham said he's determined to see a happy ending to the difficult situation.

"Even after a year I'm not sure what they want," he said. "Maybe we're just not hitting the right key yet. We'll continue to make more changes until we find out what clicks."

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